

THE
SEVEN
HILLS
SCHOOL

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Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Seven Hills School, an independent non-sectarian pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade day school, has recently been notified that Duke Energy intends to install a 30-inch, high-pressure, 720-psi gas pipeline extension along the Central Corridor.

After investigating the details of the proposed pipeline, we have realized that one of the three potential planned routes, the orange line, runs on the School's 5400 Red Bank Road property.

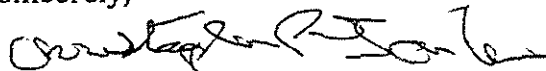
We have subsequently learned that there is no foolproof way to prevent significant damage if an accident or mechanical failure were to occur to this high-pressure pipeline. The consequences of any failure would be disastrous to the School, since we are clearly within the .5-mile "blast zone."

Our Seven Hills campus on Red Bank Road serves 800 students and employs hundreds of teachers. In addition, our new Early Education Childhood Center, for children of pre-school and kindergarten age, is directly across the street from the proposed orange line route. Safety of all of our students is paramount.

Based on the information we have gathered, installing the pipeline along this route would result in placing our students and faculty at constant unnecessary risk.

Finally, since our School is among many other educational institutions and homes along the suggested routes, we urge that none of the current proposals be chosen. Please find a safer alternative in more sparsely populated areas to protect lives, homes and schools.

Sincerely,



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